

SEARP&DC's Head Start Education Program is hitting the ground running for the school year 2024-2025. We completed our annual week of Pre-Service training at our Andalusia Head Start Center and Enterprise High School. We would like to thank Andalusia for hosting us and a big thank you to Enterprise High School for allowing us to spend the week with them. Our educators were trained on a myriad of topics: our new Newline smartboards; Education Services; Health, Safety, and Nutrition; Wellness; Maintaining a Positive School and School Community Culture; Understanding Challenging Behaviors; Time and Stress Management; e-DECA; Temperament Types; and Classroom Management. We also want to thank Childcare Enhancement with a Purpose and Mr. Scott Faulk for presenting. Our brains are full and ready to teach our students for this year.

Our Florala Early Head received its DHR license and is <u>opening this month and will be fully</u> <u>enrolled!</u>

We have been working over the summer to get the playgrounds and classrooms ready. A couple of our centers have shade sails that are being installed, and mulch is being added to playgrounds where the mulch was not deep enough. All the floors were waxed and buffed. We have a new Center Director and Family Service Specialist in Eufaula, and we are fully staffed in all our centers. Each center is having an Open House where we are feeding the families, completing all the required health screenings, and meeting all the teachers and staff members. This is going to be a great year!

